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For: SEQUENCE CASTING PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A HIGH-PURITY CAST  
METAL STRAND

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**VIA EFS-WEB**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)(8)**

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by two months. The fee including the amount of \$490.00 for the petition fee is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17, and is computed as:

Response within second month  
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You are authorized to charge to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700 any additional amounts owing.

If this petition is inadequate to avoid abandonment, the Assistant Commissioner for Patents is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

Respectfully submitted,



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